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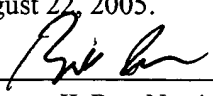
Sir:

Applicant cites the information on the attached Form PTO-1449, "List of Information Disclosed by Applicant," pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98. Applicant has enclosed a copy of each cited foreign item.

Items AB-AD listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are not in the English Language. U.S. Patent No. 4,836,898, which already is of record in the application, claims priority to item AB. Applicant submits that the '898 patent includes subject matter similar to the subject matter of item AB and that the '898 patent provides an explanation of the relevance of item AB.

Regarding item AB, Applicant submits the following as a concise statement of the relevance of that document: Item AB describes a device and a method for adjusting an x-ray unit (1) and a lithotripsy therapy unit (2) relative to each other. The device comprises a camera (30) and optical markers (31, 41, 52, 60, 70). The camera is provided on the x-ray unit (1) and the optical markers are provided on the therapy unit (2) or vice versa. Thus, photos taken by the

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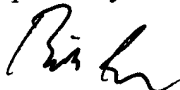
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camera (30) and containing the markers (31, 41, 52, 60, 70) allow the evaluation of the position of the x-ray unit (1) relative to the therapy unit (2). Both units are mobile and may be displaced separately via rollers. The x-ray unit comprises a U-bow (6) having an x-ray source (7) and an image processing device (8). Neither of those components is displaceable relative to the U-bow in a transverse direction. The U-bow (6) is tiltably supported in its central area by a support arm (4). The examination table (20) is only mentioned in one section which reads as follows: "the lithotripter 10 in case of this embodiment is supposed to smash a kidney stone, which is not shown in detail, in the kidney of a patient supported on examination table 20."

Item AC is cited in the Background section on page 1 of the subject application. Applicant submits that the description discussed therein provides a concise statement of the relevance of item AC.

The citation of this information does not constitute an admission of priority or that any cited item is available as a reference, or a waiver of any right the applicant may have under applicable statutes, Rules of Practice in patent cases, or otherwise.

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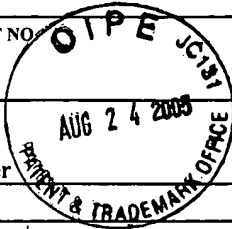
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	NAME	TRANSLATION YES NO.
AB	DE 44 43 495	6/20/96	Germany		x
AC	DE 102 06 193	7/3/03	Germany ✓		x
AD	DE 198 43 680	2/24/00	Germany		x

OTHER REFERENCES *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*

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